

REMARKS

Status Summary

In this Amendment, no claims are added and no claims are canceled. Therefore, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-61 will be pending.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 31, 46, 47, 50, and 51 were objected to as containing antecedent basis errors. Appropriate correction has been made to these claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to claims 1, 31, 46, 47, 50, and 51 be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Appropriate correction has been made to independent claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection should now be withdrawn.

Allowable Claims

Claims 1-30 were indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Since appropriate correction has been made to these claims, it is respectfully requested that claims 1-30 should now be allowed.

Claims 31-61 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If any small matter should remain outstanding after the Patent Examiner has had an opportunity to review the above Remarks, the Patent Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned patent attorney in order to resolve these matters and avoid the issuance of another Official Action.

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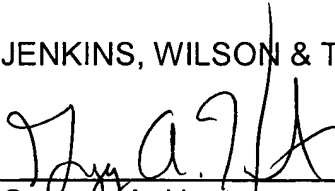
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Respectfully submitted,

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